Dutchess County Earth Day Participants

<u>Cary Institute</u>: Learn about the history of Earth Day in America and look at the state of our environment prior to Earth Day being enacted in 1970.

<u>Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension</u>: Home composting and how to do so properly, a look at an invasive species known as the Spotted Lantern Fly, and sustainable gardening practices.

<u>Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management</u>: Learn recycling techniques as well as addressing what is and what isn't recyclable in Dutchess County. There will also be a recycling game for the whole family.

<u>Dutchess County Planning and Development Department</u>: Learn about all the natural resources we have in Dutchess County, and how the Planning and Development Department is using innovative ways to map them. Discover all the parks and trails Dutchess County has to offer with an interactive website, as well as a number of other environmental projects the County is involved with.

<u>Dutchess Land Conservancy</u>: Learn about the importance of land conservation, and how citizens of all ages can help.

<u>Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association</u>: Create a bird feeder with pinecones. Supplies can also be taken home if preferred.

<u>Housatonic Valley Association/Ten Mile River Watershed:</u> Learn about the natural character and environmental health of the 2,000 square-mile tri-state Housatonic Watershed; from the Berkshires to Long Island Sound.

<u>Hyde Park Garden Habitat</u>: Put your knowledge to the test and see if you can match the caterpillar to its appropriate butterfly or host.

Hyde Park Rotary Club: The rotary club will be on hand to assist in the day's events.

<u>Hyde Park Visual Environmental Committee</u>: Most plant pots are made of ceramics and plastic, but did you know recycled toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls are a perfect substitute? Learn how to make your own!

<u>Lions Club</u>: Drop off your gently used eyeglasses! Any eyeglasses that are in good condition will be taken by the Lions Club for their Recycle for Sight campaign.

Millbrook Library

Learn how the library is working towards their Sustainable Libraries Certification, see their seed library, and pick-up some seeds to plant in your own garden.

Municipal Conservation Committees (Hyde Park, Pleasant Valley, Poughkeepsie, and Red Hook):

Discover what members of your community are doing in order to move us all towards a climate smart existence and what you can do to contribute.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation: Materials management in New York State and finding ways to improve recycling rates and practices.

Northern Dutchess Bee Club: Come and learn about the importance honeybees, and what you can do to help a very important and at-risk pollinator.

NYSAR3 Single use plastics: Discover all the alternatives to single use plastics and the benefits of making the switch to reusables.

Repair Café: Bring your beloved, damaged jewelry, because this is where you can have it repaired.

<u>Riverkeeper</u>: An opportunity to learn about watershed contamination and their Save a Million Bass program.

<u>Staatsburg Library</u>: Learn about the beautiful pollinators we have here in Dutchess County, specifically Monarch Butterflies.

<u>Sustainable Hudson Valley</u>: This organization will teach us about preparing for a changing climate in a way that is economically and environmentally responsible.

<u>Trevor Zoo</u>: Millbrook School's Trevor Zoo will be here to answer questions, share stories, and have a chance to win a Trevor Zoo Membership!

<u>Wildlife Rehabilitator</u>: Get ready to meet an invasive Cuban tree frog and learn about ways to protect our native wildlife from other invasive species, and humans. Also learn what to do if you find an animal that has been hurt in the wild.